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MAN TO MAN

A Series of 13 Quarter-hour Television Programs

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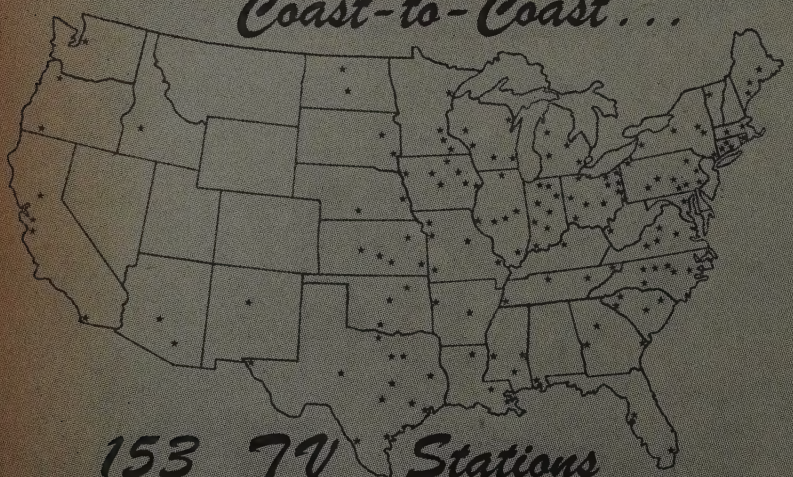

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National TV Series

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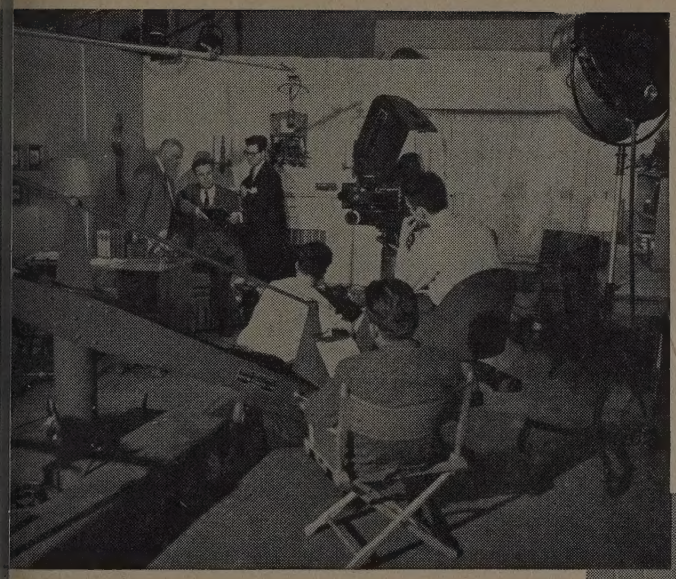

Production scenes during the filming of "Man to Man"

nericans from Bangor to San Diego and from Miami Fairbanks this month will begin to watch the presi- it of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, over a third of the ion's television stations.

Starting in mid-September, Dr. Alvin N. Rogness l be the featured speaker in the "Man to Man" series, rently carried by 153 TV stations in 149 cities.

Dr. Rogness' 13 quarter-hour weekly programs were ned in Minneapolis last winter. He is the fifth in a ies of prominent Protestant clergymen to appear in "Man to Man" format, produced and distributed h the co-operation of the Broadcasting and Film mmission of the National Council of Churches.

'Man to Man" is designed to bring to a nation-wide evision audience personable and convincing Protestant okesmen who can discuss vital problems of our day an informal manner and supply the Christian answer the issues plaguing our society.

Dr. Rogness presents his topics in the down-to-earth, aight-from-the-shoulder manner for which he is so ll known. Among his topics are: "Is God Fair?" re You Afraid?" "Freedom," "The Five Pitfalls of arriage," and "What Makes a Man Do Good?"

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According to *Broadcasting-Telecasting,* radio and television trade journal, stations carrying the Rogness series have an estimated potential viewing "market" area of 69,500,000 persons.

Since about three fourths of these stations will be broadcasting "Man to Man" on either Saturday or Sunday (considered among the lower potential audience periods), it is estimated that Dr. Rogness will be seen by a minimum of 5,500,000 persons. It is conceivable that as many as ten million viewers may see at least one of his 13 programs before next June.

ELC members are urged to check the accompany listing of stations which will broadcast the 13 Rog programs in the "Man to Man" series.

Expected starting dates for this TV venture given. The time of broadcast during the day may ascertained by reference to local newspaper listing the TV station concerned.

If the Rogness series is not scheduled for your l TV outlet, concerted demand by interested viewers r encourage station program directors to request book of this important television series.

STATIONS CARRYING ROGNESS SERIES

State	City	Station	Starting Date
ALASKA	Fairbanks	KFAR	Tue., Oct. 23
ARIZONA	Phoenix	KVAR	Tue., Dec. 4
	Tucson	KOPO	Sun., Nov. 4
CALIFORNIA	Sacramento	KBET	Sat., Nov. 24
	San Diego	KFSD	Sun., Dec. 9
	Salinas	KSBW	Sun., Oct. 14
IDAHO	Boise	KIDO	Wed., Nov. 7
ILLINOIS	Champaign	WCIA	Sun., Jan. 6
	Decatur	WTVP	Sat., Oct. 20
	Harrisburg	WSIL	Sun., Oct. 21
	Quincy	KHQA	Sat., Feb. 2
	Rockford	WREX	Sun., Mar. 31
	Springfield	WICS	Thu., Dec. 6
IOWA	Ames	WOI	Sun., Jan. 20
	Cedar Rapids	WMT	Sun., Oct. 28
	Davenport	WOC	Sat., Nov. 3
	Fort Dodge	KQTV	Sat., Nov. 10
	Mason City	KGLO	Mon., Nov. 26
	Sioux City	KTIV	Sun., Oct. 14
	Waterloo	KWWL	Tue., June 4
KANSAS	Great Bend	KCKT	Wed., Feb. 27
	Hutchinson	KVTH	Sun., Nov. 4
	Pittsburg	KOAM	Sun., Sept. 30
	Topeka	WIBW	Fri., Dec. 21
	Wichita	KAKE	Sun., Sept. 30
MAINE	Bangor	WABI	Mon., Oct. 1
	Poland Springs	WMTW	Sun., June 9
	Portland	WCSH	Sun., Nov. 4
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	WBZ	Sun., Feb. 3
	Springfield	WHYN	Sun., Nov. 18
MICHIGAN	Cadillac	WWTV	Sun., Oct. 28
	Detroit	CKLW	Sat., Dec. 8
	Grand Rapids	WOOD	Sun., Apr. 28
	Saginaw	WKNX	Wed., Dec. 5
MINNESOTA	Austin	KMMT	Sun., Oct. 28
	Duluth	WDSM	Fri., Nov. 23
	Minneapolis	WTCN	Sat., Nov. 10
NEBRASKA	Holdredge	KHOL	Tue., Oct. 2
	Omaha	WOW	Sun., Oct. 28
NEW YORK	Albany	WTRI	Sun., June 30
	Buffalo	WGR	Sun., Oct. 14
	New York	WOR	Sun., Apr. 7
	New York	WPIX	Tue., Apr. 30
	Schenectady	WRGB	Tue., Jan. 22
	Syracuse	WSYR	Sun., Jan. 6
NORTH DAKOTA	Minot	KCJB	Mon., Feb.
	Bismarck	KFYR	Tue., Oct.
OHIO	Akron	WAKR	Sun., Sept.
	Ashtabula	WICA	Tue., Oct.
	Cincinnati	WCPO	Sun., Apr.
	Cleveland	WXEL	Sun., Mar.
	Columbus	WTVN	Sun., Oct.
	Lima	WIMA	Sun., Dec.
	Steubenville	WSTV	Sun., Nov.
	Toledo	WSPD	Sun., Dec.
	Youngstown	WFMJ	Fri., Oct. 2
	Zanesville	WHIZ	Sat., Dec.
OREGON	Medford	KBES	Tue., May
	Portland	KPTV	Sat., Nov.
PENNSYLVANIA	Altoona	WFBG	Sat., Sept.
	Bethlehem	WLEV	Sat., Oct.
	Erie	WICU	Fri., Oct. 2
	Harrisburg	WHP	Mon., Apr.
	Johnstown	WJAC	Wed., Oct.
	Lancaster	WGAL	Sun., Apr.
	Philadelphia	WFIL	Sun., Oct.
	Wilkes-Barre	WBRE	Sun., Nov.
	York	WNOW	Sun., Oct.
SOUTH DAKOTA	Garden City	KDLO	Tue., Dec.
	Sioux Falls	KELO	Sun., Feb.
TEXAS	Austin	KTBC	Sun., Oct.
	Corpus Christi	KVDO	Sat., Sept.
	Dallas	WFAA	Sun., Oct.
	El Paso	KTWM	Sun., Dec.
	Fort Worth	WBAP	Sun., Oct.
	Galveston	KGUL	Sat., Nov.
	Houston	KPRC	Sun., Oct.
	Laredo	KHAD	Sun., Jan 6
	Lubbock	KDUB	Sun., Feb.
	Lufkin	KTRE	Fri., Jan.
	San Angelo	KTXL	Thu., Oct.
	Temple	KCEN	Sat., Oct.
	Wichita Falls	KFDX	Sun., Oct.
VIRGINIA	Harrisonburg	WSVA	Sun., Oct.
	Lynchburg	WLVA	Mon., Oct.
	Richmond	WRVA	Sun., May
	Richmond	WTVR	Sun., Nov.
	Roanoke	WSLS	Mon., Nov.
WASHINGTON	Seattle	KOMO	Thu., May
WEST VIRGINIA	Huntingdon	WSAZ	Sun., Nov.
	Wheeling	WTRF	Sun., Dec.
WISCONSIN	Eau Claire	WEAU	Sun., Oct.
	La Crosse	WKBT	Sun., Nov.
	Madison	WKOW	Sat., Dec.
	Marinette	WMBV	Sun., Nov.
	Milwaukee	WTMJ	Sun., Oct.

NOTE: Series starting dates subject to decision of local station.

The Church and Secondary Education

Emil Erpestad

visitor from Norway seemed very much interested in ir church colleges, so I asked him what he thought of ir work in Christian higher education in this country. is answer came back like the crack of a whip, "You're arting too late!" Then he went on to explain that he lieved that life-long attitudes and ideals are usually rmed before people reach the age of eighteen and that ere are grave risks involved in waiting too long before e integrate general education with the Christian faith. is words have echoed through my mind many times nce. Is there enough truth in them to drive us to ber thought—and possibly also to positive action?

No one needs to find fault with the people who were sponsible for separating religious education from the blic school curriculum. Their motives were good. hey knew of no better way to preserve our cherished merican freedom of religion. A century and a half o it seemed perfectly reasonable to delegate respon- bility for offering education in the so-called three R's the public schools, while the homes and churches ere held responsible for the fourth "R" (religion).

However, the passing years have brought to light dis- nct weaknesses in this split-responsibility view of edu- tion. It has a tendency to cause the student to divide s life into separate compartments that could be labeled ecular" and "religious." He comes to believe that he ould never mix religion with business or religion with easure. He may go so far as to develop into a "Sunday hristian," with no religious motivation in his life except r a brief period on Sunday morning. The absence of ligious instruction from the very complete present-day blic school curriculum may even lead him to believe at the realm of faith is unimportant. An hour or two instruction on Sunday morning can hardly be ex- cted to balance a full week's education in other areas.

ridging the Gap

ne of the most striking developments in education nce the war has been the strengthened emphasis on idging the gap between secular and religious educa- on. Public schools have stressed "spiritual values" and tempted to include non-controversial religious elements ithin the school program. Sunday school teachers have en encouraged to become better informed about public hool activities and to attempt to relate their class in- ruction to the public school experiences of their pupils. eleased-time classes in religion have been effectively ed in some communities in an effort to include re- gious instruction within the framework of a school eek.

All of these efforts have represented a movement in the right direction and need further encouragement. Yet they have their limitations. The only schools that have complete freedom to offer a program of secondary education centering in the Christian faith are the Christian high schools and academies.

Recent Development

Christian high schools are a comparatively recent development. They serve very effectively in communities where there is sufficient concentration of interested church members to provide a student body within the immediate area.

We have had academies in our Church for nearly a hundred years. In addition to offering the full program of a Christian high school, they provide a home for students right on the campus. As far as missionaries' children and others who must leave their homes to attend school are concerned, the advantages of such a boarding school are self-evident. But there are also advantages for all young people who are able to attend. The increased study time provided makes for more thorough class preparation. The influence of the Christian community of which the student is a part for twenty-four hours a day cannot be overestimated. All of the students' activities—social and recreational as well as academic—are integrated into one Christian program. No area of life is "secular," but everything has its religious orientation. All through the day the student is, in one way or another, confronted with Jesus Christ, not only that he may be established in his faith in Him but also that he may desire to serve Him.

As students leave the academies they move into positions of spiritual leadership in their home communities and in the other schools of our Church when they continue their education. A large proportion of them enter church vocations, where they continue to exercise stewardship of the benefits that they have received from their years in a Christian school.

But if our academies are to fulfill their mission, they need our young people, they need our sustaining interest, and they need our continued financial support. Too often we have permitted the loyal Christian men and women who serve as administrators and faculty members to carry far more than their share of responsibility for Christian secondary education in our Church. The quality of their work is exceptionally high, spiritually and academically, but the program could be greatly enlarged and strengthened with our help.

Needed—Baptism-Awakening

Sogneprost Gustav K. Høyem

Translated from "Vaar Kirke," organ of the Oslo (Norway) Indremisjon, by Dr. Herman A. Preus of Luther Theological Seminary.

Every time our service is broadcast I get a number of letters. Some are friendly, others full of criticism and admonition. After a recent broadcast I received a flock of letters of criticism, because I had said something good and positive about Baptism. It seems that people are not used to hearing that. All we hear these days is: "You must not trust in your Baptism! You must not believe you are saved because you are baptized! Baptism is the pillow on which unconverted people sleep themselves into damnation!"

The Bible Must Be Heard

It is natural that when people hear nothing but this about Baptism from our pulpits the position of Baptism will be undermined. It is not strange if people who have left our Church because of their disagreement with our doctrine of Baptism have this view. But it is disturbing that many personal Christians in our Church never get to hear what the Bible says about Baptism. In fact, it is minimized by lay and learned. And when, on occasion, someone dares to speak positively about Baptism, it causes wonder, even offense.

It looks as if we need a Baptism-revival in our Church, not to sew cushions under the heads of the indifferent and unconverted, but in order to let the Bible and our Church's Confessions be heard. Preachers are constantly warned to be loyal to the Bible and the Confessions. This is right. This is the ideal we should pursue. But why is not this loyalty demanded when it concerns our preaching about Baptism? There we are very tolerant and frequently minimize Baptism in order to please those who have another view.

Even Conversion Can Be Abused

We know, of course, why there are many Christians who dare not speak about baptism. They are afraid it will become a pillow for those that will not repent. But we have no right to minimize God's Word about ba tism, but must rather try to speak the truth about it.

Is it only baptismal grace that can be used for pillow? Cannot the grace of the Word also be taken vain? Is there anything that cannot be abused?

Even conversion can be abused: "I was converted such-and-such a day." Very well. But are you co verted today? Are you wholly surrendered to God day? That is the real question.

What is it that gives a man peace with God? It that he believes God's Word and promise of forgi ness of sins through Jesus Christ. This Word and pro ise meets us also in baptism. Baptism is "God's visit Word." It is not a Word that is given to everybo who wants it. It is a Word directed to me, in order th I, miserable as I am, may be permitted to believe th this concerns me, not only others.

When we are preaching for repentance, I know better starting point than Baptism. There we can poi to what God has done. He has made you His chi He has made you a partaker of salvation in Jesus. Ha you thanked Him for it? Has this goodness of G driven you to repentance? In your Baptism you receiv the sign of the cross on your brow and on your bre as a token that you should belong to Christ. Does th cross show today? Does it appear in your life and wal

The Important Thing

Our disagreement about Baptism comes principally fr two different views as to what is fundamental in t Christian life. If we put the main emphasis on wh I shall do, then Baptism, especially infant Baptism, lo its glory. But if we put the emphasis on what God h done and is doing, then the light of Baptism begins glow. There we see that it is God who sought me a gave me His grace, long before I thought of seeki Him. That is the beginning. That I am awakened personal Christian life is a result of God's seeking and blessing me from the moment of my Baptism.

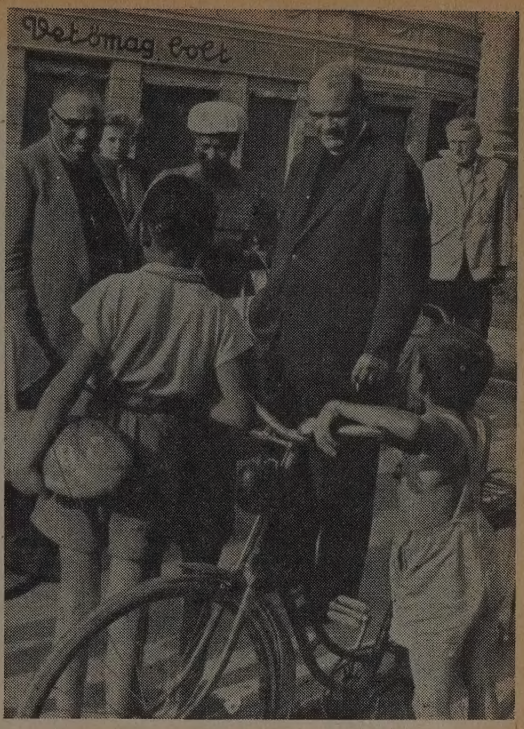
So let there be an end to the slander that we w love our Baptism are comforting people with, "As lo as you are baptized, everything is in order!" This not only an old worn-out phonograph record; it is a false witness against your neighbor. The Biblical a Lutheran view is beautifully expressed in the hy verse:

We are God's house of living stones,
Builded for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns,
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.

This is the answer: to unite faith and Baptism. Let help one another to that end!

ove: At Galyatetoe, Hungary, two churchmen from mmunist countries are shown with an American Bishop the annual meeting of the World Council of Churches' ntral Committee. Left to right are: Bishop Lajos Veto, d of the Hungarian Lutheran Church; Anglican Bish- K. H. Ting of Chekiang, China; and Bishop D. Ward hols of New York, presiding Bishop of the African thodist Episcopal Church's first district.

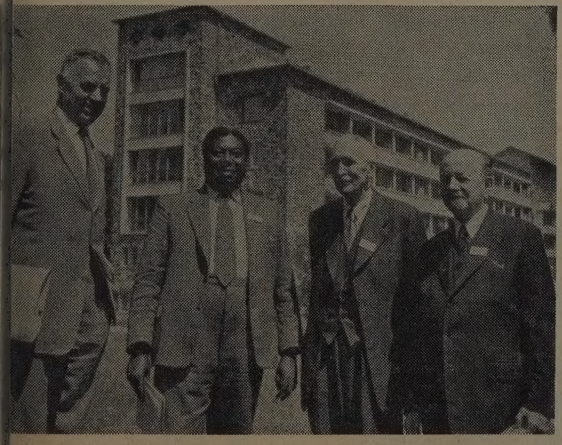
per right: Visiting American churchmen attract the ention of young residents of Galyatetoe. Shown are op D. Ward Nichols of New York, presiding Bishop the African Methodist Episcopal Church's first district, l his wife; and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadel- a, president of the National Council of Churches in U. S.



World Council Meeting in Hungary

RNS Photos

ow: Four churchmen from three continents and four ntries. Left to right are: Mayor Charles P. Taft of ncinnati, O., prominent Protestant Episcopal layman; Rev. Peter K. Dagadu, Methodist delegate from the ld Coast, Africa; Bishop Albert Bereczky, president the Hungarian Reformed Church; and Bishop Otto elius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in rmany.



Above: Churchmen march in procession to a service at Calvin Place Church. Shown in front, left to right, are: Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary; Bishop Albert Bereczky, president of the Hungarian Reformed Church and of the Hungarian Ecumenical Council; and Lutheran Bishop Rajah B. Manikam of Tranquebar, India.

Letter To Anne

Biology Lab at Concordia

These pages were planned by Mrs. O. H. Kjorlie, General Secretary of Higher Education

DEAR ANNE:

Congratulations on your decision to resume your studies at Augustana College this fall, especially since I remember how much you've enjoyed your job. As you say, returning to classes after earning a good salary and being on your own will call for some serious adjustments. However, I'm glad you're looking beyond them to the finishing line.

Two girls from the church offices here in Minneapolis have also chosen to continue their studies. Melba Wold of the Foreign Mission office is enrolled at Concordia as an English major, with a teaching career in view. Having received her business training at Waldorf College, she's eager to continue her education in a church college, where the Christian way of life is not only taught but exemplified. Another drawing quality of a Christian college to her is the fact that each person there is considered as an individual.

The daily influence of the Education office of our Church has led Evelyn Noss to decide to continue her education. A spirit of adventure, along with a desire to prepare for full-time Christian work, took her to our West Coast school, Pacific Lutheran College. Parish Education is her field. Although she's had much experience in LDR and Sunday school work in her years since high school, she believes college training will enrich her life and help her to give better service in the Lord's work.

Chatting with these girls one day, I asked if they thought financial returns would increase after their added education. But remuneration doesn't seem to be the greatest factor with them. Work well done, service to others, and abilities well used, come first.

It's refreshing to see and hear that you young folks have your sights set on more lasting values.

I gather that you're really enthusiastic about college campus activities, Anne—clubs, LSA, mission societies, choir, and social functions. Enjoy them to the full. There'll be some busy, glowing, energetic coeds this year!

As you know, it's been my turn sit on the sidelines and watch my o teenagers begin as timid freshmen soak up some book knowledge; grow up to adulthood under the fluence of Christian teachers; to stu and work with other Christian yo in many phases of campus life. Th interests have broadened spiritually well as physically, so that their wo has reached out beyond our own li circle. Sometimes I feel as though I been left in the dust as they've sw past!

Interesting, too, have been the ov night stays of their classmates wh various classes, chapel exercises, l tures, books, music, art, sports, soc functions, and college life in gene have come in for heavy discussi Gatherings at our house after gam concerts, banquets, or outings have vealed, too, how Christian college mosphere rubs off and clings to you minds.

I got a chuckle out of your reacti to the remark that girls don't need much education because they'll pr ably just walk down the aisle

ere comes the bride." I'll bet you like saying, "So what?" But I w you didn't. Don't let it dampen r spirits. Who has a right to say omemaker doesn't have to know ch or be able to use her thinking ? Of course you don't need a B.A. perform the routine tasks of wash- ironing, cooking, and cleaning, there's more to homemaking than . There are little folks to be taught, iplined, and trained into citizen-, in Christ's Kingdom as well as his fair, earthly land of ours. The munity activities that mother is ected to help with demand an alert active mind. And a homemaker alled on to help carry out the pro- n of Sunday school and WMF, re qualities of leadership and hing ability are demanded. A emaker with a broad, vital educa- can make living an exciting, ex- rant experience, filled with the joy comes from tasks well done, and n reaching out in service to neigh- and friend.

uess your commentator forgot ut the need for compatibility be- en home builders. It takes two to e an argument, but it also takes of like interests, like faith, and aspirations to build a home on a d foundation of Christian love and erstanding. As Christian mothers girls in our church colleges, we t such life companionship for you May college training help you e wise choices in filling your God- n role as homemakers.

lore could be said in favor of edu- ng girls. They have talents to be eloped which will not disappear r they marry. Sometimes circum- ces demand that a woman help family financially or make her way. An education is surely an antage, and I'm glad for you, e, that it's on your program.

Vell, my dear, this is getting sort preachy so I'd better give you and the other girls at our colleges my wishes for a year full of rich ex- ences that will bless your lives for ime.

Vill I be hearing from you about new chapter in your life? I'll be ting.

Sincerely, MARY

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Report From PLC

Pacific Lutheran College, the only Lutheran liberal arts college on the West Coast, is today one of the most highly respected institutions of higher learning in the Northwest. Perhaps one of the finest tributes that could be paid to PLC came from the pen of Dr. T. S. Stinnett, who is executive secretary of the National Council for Teacher Education and Professional Standards, a branch of the National Educational Association. This organization held its annual convention on PLC's campus in June, with over seven hundred of the top educators from every state in the nation attending. At the close of the conference, Dr. Stinnett made the following observation about PLC in the last daily bulletin, "The universal expression from participants has been one of delight—for the beautiful campus, the extraordinary facilities (perhaps unsurpassed by any college or university in America)—and above all the unfailing courtesy. All of these things are but the expression of the precious climate of a great Christian institution, and the Commission is proud to claim it among the fine institutions of this country."

Comments during the conference would indicate that the participants were particularly impressed with the spaciousness and beautiful appointments in the residence halls, with a telephone in every room. The Chapel-Music-Speech Building with its 1,238-seat auditorium and the new $320,000 College Union also came in for high praise.

Recognition in the academic field has come from two important sources during the last months. The American Association of University Women has placed PLC on the approved list, which means that women graduates of the college who have earned any of four different degrees are eligible for individual membership in this outstanding national organization. Stanford University, Denver University, and the Oregon State College Schools of Engineering have agreed to collaborate with PLC in a dual degree engineering program, and the program is now in operation. Seven professors have been added to the faculty for the coming year.

A considerable aid to PLC's campus spirit has been the fact that her basketball teams have reached the finals of the state collegiate championship nine of the last ten years and her football teams have been consistently in the top three. This year's state championship basketball team was perhaps PLC's finest.

Adding much to the spiritual atmosphere of the student body has been the student congregation, which has just completed its first year under the leadership of Pastor Robert Lutnes. The venture has elicited a response from the students which has gone far beyond expectations and without question will prove to be a continuing and increasing blessing to the college and all connected with it.

Lounge in PLC dorm

Ground Was Broken

Groundbreaking ceremonies do not rank among our most important news items. They are all pretty much alike and are more a matter of "promise" than of "realization." We prefer to pay more attention to church dedications.

There are, however, exceptions, and one of them is the news story which appears elsewhere in this issue. It concerns the service of groundbreaking held by the members of the Bethany Church for the Deaf in Minneapolis. Readers will recall that LUTHERAN HERALD has on two previous occasions devoted space to this congregation and its hopes and aspirations. In the course of a week or so, we shall have additional material on it.

We wish you could have been at the groundbreaking service. Seldom have we attended a religious service more touching and edifying. Outwardly, there was not much to see: A brown tent pitched on a corner lot. A hundred or so people jamming the tent to suffocation. The usual turning of earth, with the usual mishap that the first thrust of the shovel encountered a large stone. The usual address and greetings. And coffee and sociability after the service was ended. Nothing out of the ordinary there.

Looking closer, however, there was much to see and learn. Every speech and every greeting was interpreted in sign language. Present were people one does not expect to see at a groundbreaking ceremony: the executive secretary of the WMF; a district WMF officer; a consultant on church building and finance; a special representative of the Department of Charities. And we wonder if there was not also a spirit of jubilation which is not usual even at a ceremony which is naturally one of happiness.

All of which leads up to the statement that the erection of the new Bethany is something of concern to our entire Church. The truth is that this, our first formal extension of work among the deaf and deafened beyond the splendid mission at Faribault, should elicit as much support, spiritual and material, as do some of the special Foreign Mission projects which mean so much to us, as does the appeal for a new church in Alaska. This, too, is a mission in which the entire Church must participate. The seventy or so members of Bethany are not idle, but we must strengthen their hands.

We were overjoyed to learn that the WMF is making of Bethany a special project. We hope that the response, particularly in the Southern Minnesota District (but elsewhere as well), will be spontaneous and generous.

But let it go even farther. When we first wrote about this congregation in these pages, we unashamedly solicited gifts for Bethany. The response was splendid. Without apologies, we repeat our urging. Gifts may be sent to the Treasurer of the ELC, 422 South Fifth St., Minneapolis 15, Minn.

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Two weeks ago a major share of editorial space devoted to comment on Abdel Ross Wentz' recent b *Basic History of American Lutheranism*. Title of editorial was "The Days of Our Years."

This week we want to call attention to a documen corollary interest—this time not a book but a film bears the title, "Harvest of Years." If the title we last week emphasizes that Dr. Wentz recited and in preted *facts*, so the intention this week is to stress we have here a film which places major emphasis *results*.

Here is the background of the new film: Some y ago the National Lutheran Council set out to proc a short film which should recount the highlights of years of American Lutheran history and give a viev the Lutheran Churches in this country today. Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society made avail a considerable sum of money to finance the pro The Colburn Laboratories of Chicago were engage produce the film. Dr. Theodore Bachmann of Pa Lutheran Theological Seminary (ULCA), Berk Calif., was engaged to prepare a script. The entire was to be about 30 minutes in length.

Anyone who has even the faintest knowledge of rich and complex history of Lutheranism in Ame would be tempted to say that condensation of it all a brief film is impossible. Anyone who knows a bit a the far-flung organizational structure of the var bodies today would say that it would require a d half-hour films to portray that. As to combining two, that would require genius such as to make person who said, "The difficult we do at once; impossible may take a little longer," appear a m of modesty.

Nevertheless, the impossible has been done—and extremely well. We have seen the film twice. The time was its premiere showing, arranged by the Lut an Brotherhood in April. Because we wanted to link comment with a review of Dr. Wentz' book, we aside our notes on the film until we could take the in consecutive issues. In the meanwhile, the more thought about "Harvest of Years," the more we ca think, "It can't be that good; our first impression have been based on feeling rather than conviction." we asked the Films Department to arrange a sp showing. And, behold, we came away from that more enthusiastic. The impossible *has* been done, as before remarked, exceedingly well done.

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he script writer and producer evidently made the ision that their emphasis must be more on the "har- t" than on the "years." That is to say, the great events Lutheranism are not omitted. It may be but a single ot" and a few sentences of speech; yet the facts are re, history is recorded. Nevertheless, the film is ghted, let us say, toward the outcome, the concrete lts of 300 years of the life of the Lutheran Church American soil.

plendid use is made of "animated" charts. That may nd dull, but it isn't. Not only are the charts well ceived and beautifully executed, but the accompany- oral description makes the charts speak very plainly. e pictures from the various groups—their missions, ir schools and colleges, their charitable institutions— hance the story. Nor is the life of the congregation glected; in fact, in "church polity," the film is surely theran! It is the life of the congregation which stands ; everything extra-congregational is shown to be ply an extension of the "Great Commission" carried by congregations together.

Of course there are weaknesses. What each viewer will sider a "weakness" will probably depend upon his n dearest interests in the Church. But it will take ne very cavilling criticism to find much wrong with Harvest of Years."

is the National Lutheran Council itself which owns film and arranges for its distribution. One of the ected distributors is Augsburg Publishing House's ms Department, 425 South Fourth Street, Minne- olis 15, Minn. The rental fee is $10.00. The suggestion made that congregations and organizations wishing to w "Harvest of Years" making their booking with Films Department as early as possible.

We have given a good deal of thought to the matter getting a showing for "Harvest of Years" throughout r Church. Our feeling is that, as nearly as possible, ry member of the Lutheran Church should be given opportunity to see the film. A showing to some ganization, including just a few people, is not to be ommended.

t might be added that the writer covets for many experience he had: see the film, then read Dr. entz; then have a second look at the film. To the rson who will do that, we do not hesitate to say: u will come through the experience with a heightened miration for the Church to which you belong!

And Now the Presidential Campaigns

Few church paper editors, probably, face the beginning of a presidential campaign with perfect equanimity. This one, at any rate, does not. There are too many pitfalls into which he may innocently stumble. We have already deleted a picture and story—otherwise quite legitimate—which a staff member submitted, simply because it involved a candidate for high national office. We are also going to delay publication of a certain article until the campaign is over.

Is that an admission of cowardice or lack of conviction? By no means. It is simply a recognition of one of the facts of editorial life. No matter how an editor handles matters during these months, the slightest deviation from complete non-participation in political issues will disturb the peace on the church paper front.

So we state: Our interest is the interest of any Christian—that Christians participate actively in the public life in which they share, adhere to their highest principles, support the candidates they believe stand for those principles, seek the guidance of God, and pray for those who hold or aspire to high office.

This we shall attempt to remember as we read the numerous "special releases" which come to our desk—all of them slanted toward the religious press; all of them attempting to prove that their candidate, and he alone, can uphold what the Church stands for; all of them hoping to capture "the church vote."

South American Catholicism

The most damning indictment of South American Rōman Catholicism ever to come to our attention comes, strangely enough, from a Roman Catholic, the Rev. Albert J. J. Nevins, Maryknoll, N. Y. The New York *World-Telegram* quotes the priest as saying that Roman Catholicism is "nothing more than a tradition" for most South Americans. He states that a "quick survey" reveals that "at the best the Church is just about holding on." Of an estimated 136,000,000 Latin Americans who are nominally Roman Catholic, "by the most generous estimates only about 10 per cent can be called practicing Catholics." "Facts do not warrant calling Latin America a Catholic continent," says the priest.

Interesting, isn't it? Latin America has been the scene of repeated and persistent persecution of Protestant missionaries and people. It is as though the Roman Church says, "We are getting nowhere there, but it is our holy obligation to see that the truth of God does not come to the people through any other source."

Marjorie Bly tells this little girl with leprosy how to take the medicine given her.

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It is only a half hour flight from Tainan to the Pescadores Islands lying just off the eastern shore of beautiful Formosa. We were up early and on our way down to the CAT Airline office. In this city Donald Lee and Gerald Lundby are our ELC missionaries. Pastor Lee, who works among the students studying at the Engineering College here in Tainan, had us seated in a three wheeled pedicab at 6:30 A.M. Three and a half hours later we were landing at Makung, capital of the Pescadores Islands. The actual flight took half an hour. The other three hours were spent in just maneuvering through the red tape and traffic in order to be able to board that DC-3 plane. Air travel is accomplished more and more on the ground than in the air! Much of the delay here though was due to military precautions. It is a part of the pattern of military preparations so evident up and down the island of Formosa.

The flight steward was most vigilant that all curtains were drawn both for the take-off and for the landing. The first impression of the grass covered air strip near Makung was the ominous presence of the military here too. Installations are seen all along the road and the beaches with soldiers out on maneuvers. This island of 80,000 Chinese could be the last stepping stone in a communistic approach to Formosa, so many of its 300 Buddhist temples even house military personnel.

It is here on the Pescadores that Miss Marjorie Bly of our Taiwan mission has initiated clinical work among the island people afflicted by the terrible disease of leprosy. Through the Superintendent of the Provincial Government Hospital in Makung, she was granted the use of one small room to use as a clinic. With the permission of Taiwan Lutheran Mission conference, she undertook the difficult and trying beginnings of this pilot project to reach the lepers on the Pescadores and on numerous other surrounding islands. Miss Bly travels on small
ing junks in her two to three
journeys to contact the lepers.
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infested but the busy nurse
nevertheless, because of fatigue.

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bulges with Chinese. Her accor
dations lack everything needed
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inside from all the active children
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enced here. The small door may
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four of us to stand within the co
of what is home to this happy,
ageous servant of the Lord. The
one table, one chair, one window
bed. One half of the bed provide
desk space for her medical books
correspondence facilities. The
half of this bed of boards has a
straw mattress for "posture fit
sleep. The nails and hooks on the
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white uniform that touches the
of the leprous. In all this activity,
lepers are being clothed in that
of righteousness of the Lord
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On the floor of this mission
home are several wash basins

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Lepers

Alton C. O. Halverson

water, in which stand dishes of so the ants are kept away. In hese morsels provide only a quick fast, and Miss Bly eats her other daily meals at a local Chinese res- nt. She doesn't have time to r with cooking. A deacon of a Presbyterian church entertained r an evening meal at this restau- which would perhaps be the 's "best." Our petitions should de one for the health of our lady hite!

. Ralph Mortenson of the Ameri- and British Bible Society spoke t his work to a packed church. service was conducted in the Tai- se language of the island people, the pastor interpreting Dr. Mor- n's Mandarin. A new experience ne was to bring a greeting to the regation. We were a battery of speakers on the platform, with Mortenson interpreting my Eng- into Mandarin and the pastor in- eting the Mandarin into Taiwan- The moment of free prayer during ervice was a Babel experience with whole congregation praying audi- and each praying his own prayer. or Marlin Wogstad, our ELC mis- ary in Taipei, and Pastor Lester lin of the Free Church also spoke ly in Mandarin. In addition to her darin, Miss Bly is learning Tai- ese. The people have a tremendous iration and respect for this brave an in their midst.

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Miss Bly has already contacted some thirty lepers. They are under treatment now and come regularly to her clinic. She obtains the necessary medicine from Taipei, Formosa. She has one part-time helper, a young Chinese woman who also acts as translator and evangelistic worker. She has the friendly co-operation of the authorities, the local doctors, and the hospital staff. Observing the actual situation, however, it seems that this nurse in white labors almost alone on a strange island among a strange people, but for the assistance of the Great Physician.

There are 105 families in this area who have at least one member of the family afflicted with this dread disease. The day isn't long enough nor the strength sufficient for one American nurse to reach all these people. Miss Bly needs a decent building in which to live, eat, and work. She needs adequate professional help in this medical undertaking. She needs medicines and supplies to carry out the task efficiently and effectively. She needs the assistance of evangelists and Bible women who will continue to bring a spiritual ministry to these unfortunate people. Negotiations are under way to put this great work on a sound financial and administrative basis. Your prayers to Him who heals and removes the leprosy without and within, your means given in thanksgiving for blessings unnumbered, these are urgently needed now that this work of His Kingdom may be realized!

Are *YOU* willing to "touch" a Pescadorian leper?

Shrinking World

They met by chance recently in an oriental chain of islands, the Pescadores half-way around the world.

Marjorie Bly, a graduate nurse from Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, has been working in the Orient since 1947. Most recently she has attended leper patients in the Pescadores Islands located between China and Formosa.

Together with four Chinese assistants the young American nurse was touring the islands last month, making the rounds of leper patients in remote island settlements.

At the close of a tiring day's work, they returned to the beach to find their Chinese junk stranded high and dry by the outgoing tide. Exhausted, they began the lengthy hike in quest of a smaller boat for the return trip homeward.

"Chivalry is far from dead," she wrote her mother, Mrs. John Bly of Northfield, "even in such a backward section of the world as this."

"Along came a cruiser which slowed down and offered to take our weary troupe of hikers aboard," she continued.

Once comfortably settled on deck, a faint light of recognition passed between the nurse and another passenger. He turned out to be Navy Commander Robert Mason, son of the late Rev. John Mason of Montevideo, Minn., and a member of Miss Bly's class at St. Olaf College.

This is the lone tree on the Pescadores Islands. The people of the village fish in the ocean for their livelihood.

Boys' Work Leade

Above: For devoting nineteen years to Scout work, Sam Anderson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis., was presented the Lamb Award by his pastor, Dr. E. B. Steen. At Trinity Church, Mr. Anderson took over Troop 31 as scoutmaster in 1938 and served in that position until 1951.

Shown with the National Director of ELC Boys' Work, Loren M. Ness, are the members of the National Boys' Work Committee who were honored with the Lamb A this summer, They are, left to right, Howard Ulberg, Pomona, California; Edgar Sal Fergus Falls, Minn.; the Rev. H. P. Nordby, Baldwin, Wis.; and Edward Swensen, Chi Nordby, who is pastoral advisor of ELC Boys' Work, was the only ELC pastor to be honored this year.

Below: For shepherding a generation of Lutheran youth, Andrew Sande, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, received the Lamb Award. Pictured during the ceremony are Ralph Lund, Brotherhood president, Andrew Sande, and Pastors Willard Lund and Phillip Hiller.

Arthur A. Pine of East Missoula recently received the Lam Award at worship services at both Our Savior's and St. Pau Lutheran Churches. Participating in the ceremony were, l to right, front row: Raleigh W. Smedley, Mr. Pine, the Re Glen Husby, St. Paul's pastor; back row: Gareth C. Moo Burton Lohn, the Rev. C. O. Anderson, Our Savior's past Claude Elton, Marvin A. Reich.

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ch, Monrovia, Calif., was presented
a citation and the Lamb Award. Walter
erfen, Chairman of the congregation,
the presentation. The Lamb Award
ven to Scout leaders and adults with
nding records in youth and Scouting
vements. This is the first year that the
nal Lutheran Scout organization has
nted this award. There are 37 such
ds to date in all Lutheran Churches.

Shown receiving the Lamb Award for distinguished service to boyhood in the Lutheran Church, is Ragnvald Bergeson of Chicago. The Award was recommended by the Chicago Circuit Brotherhood. Pictured at Bethel Lutheran are Edward Swensen, Eastern District Boys' Work Director; V. P. Faillettaz, pastor; Bergeson; and Cub Scout Leslie Racine.

: Mr. Ness congratulates Scoutmaster
er Watson of Joliet, Ill., as he received
Lutheran Lamb Award for leadership,
eodore Street Lutheran in May. Pastor
Goodsell (center) conducted the
e of presentation

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hes

TOWARD THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Gospel: Luke 14:

Monday, September 17
IT DEPENDS

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Sometimes it is not expected of people to act with sense, simply because they do not have any. Nor is it surprising that some people waste their lives. They do it because they have no reason for not doing it. They are held by nothing higher than themselves; like Christianity, for instance.

This is what Paul is saying here. When you are called to the high calling of discipleship you don't go wandering down the street of life like an aimless fool. You lead a life worthy of that high calling. You have something in mind; you follow the leading of the Lord; you know the score.

So, how you run your life depends on *who* or *what* is running it. If the who is the Lord Jesus and His Spirit, expect the best. If it's some lesser *what*, then don't count on much at all. Move quickly from *what* to *who*.

Lead me, blessed Jesus. Amen.

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Tuesday, September 18
IF IT HURTS

Read John 15:18-27

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

Perhaps you have felt the hurt of being quietly, or maybe even stormily, "put in your place" because you are a follower of Christ. It isn't any fun. Most of us want to be accepted into the group, and we want to be liked. But it does happen that there is a run-in on some points because we are Christian. Then comes a remark, or a slur, or even telling silence, all of which "puts us in our place" because we are Christian.

To gain the hatred of the world it is not necessary to go out and work for it. There is a natural hatred of Christianity on the part of the world and its children. It is good for Christians to remember that the world and Christianity do not mix; there is a difference, a big difference, between the two.

If you are hurt (and if you aren't there is something wrong!) for your faith, remember the words of Jesus who knew to the death the hatred of the world.

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Wednesday, September 19
WHEN GOD WORKS

Read Romans 9:19-26

Will what is molded say to its m
"Why have you made me thus?"

Paul uses an interesting illustr
here. Clay mounted on the potter's
cannot give directions to the pott
will turn out to be what the potter
it to be. It cannot force the pott
take directions.

And it is the same with men. The
saved if God saves them. Man ca
nothing but lose himself. That is
God's doings. God cannot be blame
man's lost condition. Man destroys
God saves.

If man is lost it is man's fault; if
is saved it is God's doing. Whom
God save? He saves those who ar
to repent of their sins and to belie
the saving power of the work of
Christ.

Does God refuse to save some pe
God refuses to save only those wh
not repent and believe. He does not
down any true seeker.

God can save *you* if you are no
ready His child.

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Thursday, September 20
CHRISTIAN—AND HAPPY

Read Mark 2:18-22

And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

Some of the best advertising the Church can get is that which comes from the members themselves. But what if that advertising is bad? While the Church has been hurt by laziness, insincerity, and hypocrisy, let us not forget that a great deal of harm has been done through failure to demonstrate the true happiness that belongs to those who have peace with God.

The average "outsider" thinks that when you become a Christian you are no longer happy. You go around humming, "Nearer My God to Thee," and weep tears all day long. Sometimes they get this idea from those who are supposed to be good Christians.

Why not help defeat that idea? Jesus said His followers should be happy, and show it. Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."

Well, why not? There can be no better reason to be happy, and show it, than that which is offered in the precious Word!

Friday, September 21
FREE TO DO WHAT?

Read Galatians 5:13-14

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.

Yes, as a Christian, you are set free. The Law, as the Bible says, does not have dominion over you. The Gospel has saved you. Now you are free.

All right, what are you free to do? You are free to do just as you please! No one, not even God, nor Jesus, nor the Holy Spirit, has tied a rope around you. The devil would like to, and he will not give up until you are called out of this present world.

If you are free in Christ to do just as you please, what will you do, or what are you doing? Will you desert Christ? You can if you want to. Will you serve Him? You can if you want to. And you *do* want to. That's the point. The only thing that ties you to that is His love. You are free to make yourself His servant. Free to spend yourself for Him. Free to serve people in His Name.

Saturday, September 22
GOD'S GIANTS ARE SMAL

Read Matthew 18:1-7

Truly, I say to you, unless you and become like children, you will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Somebody asked the question: "W
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And here we have the answer Jesus
His answer is strange to the world.
we have our own requirements and
tions. We don't go places unless we
size. We have to be smart and quick
bright. Sometimes we have to have
ommendations, a good family, a
record. But the Kingdom looks for s
thing else. God's giants are small.
smaller they are the greater they a

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trusting. It means to believe. God
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This is the requirement and the syste
the Kingdom.

And it builds giants whose muscle
God's, whose brains are the Spirit's,
whose love is that of Christ Jesus. T
children, whether eight or eighty,
the high road of eternal life.

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SKAALEN GOES PICNICKING

balmy July morning when the flora of southern Wis- defies the superb master strokes of the artist the nts of Skaalen Home were in a jubilant mood as they out from the main entrance to take their places in a an of sixteen automobiles escorted by State Policemen. at occasioned this unusual hilarity among this aged ? Some used canes and crutches, others were con- in wheel-chairs and gently eased into a state am- ce for a joy-ride.

y, this was the morning of the picnic which was ted by the Rev. A. S. Bragstad and now perpetuated the able management of Superintendent R. S. Ruud. leep concern for the occupants of Skaalen had pro- not only for State Police protection, but also for gency, an accompanying state ambulance at the call d nurse, Miss Mena Arneson, with her cordon of nts.

e destination of this merry caravan was the noted Mounds Park whose gates Supt. Ruud had caused nd open for this band of oldsters from Skaalen.

dinner of ambrosial viands tempting the most exacting rean was served at the shelterhouse.

r was this the conclusion of a perfect day. Mr. Ruud lso arranged free admittance to Little Norway at the f the Mounds.

re the celebrants gazed with awe and amazement at nasterly constructed replica of a "Bonde Gaard" in Native Land.

vas with heartfelt appreciation that the Skaalen oldsters ed the trek homeward after a perfect picnic day, so planned and conducted by Supt. Ruud.

ny a remark was heard voicing the satisfaction of residents of Skaalen, as even on their way to and the picnic and when passing through villages the Police froze the traffic while they passed. And all rom sincere good will and concern for their safety.

viewing this delightful occasion, a passage from Isaiah ran through my mind: "Even in thy old age I am thee; even to hoar hairs will I protect thee. . . ."

ank you, Mr. Ruud.

JOHN F. THOMPSON
A Skaalen Resident
Stoughton, Wis.

FILE 13

e I think of it, after noting your item on too much hat falls into File 13, I pass on these lines written on me subject several years ago:

The fire burns brightly in the old tin can.
I could make a lot of money as a garbage man.
Am I incinerating? I surely am!

ee, most of the time I have had to empty my own paper basket!

(The Rev.) OLIVER EVERETTE
Sweet Home, Ore.

Life—Here and Hereafter

Harold B. Kildahl

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
September 16, 1956

Text: Luke 7:11-17

The text teaches life—life, the gift of Christ our Savior. I like that, and I'm certain you do too. For life is the prized possession of every man.

There are three kinds of life, really. The first? This—life lived as you please. It's rather easy. Just take the breath that you have, follow your impulses, let your feet wander where they will, exercise little discipline and no restraint, have a good time while life is yours—spend it freely and squander it loosely. You will have a good time, in the fashion of the world. No doubt of it, you will have a rollicking time of it.

The second? This—life as the Lord pleases. This is more difficult. It requires discipline, the discipline of the Word of God in mind and heart, the discipline and mastery of self and the control of the will. But, it's a rewarding life, the best man has ever known. It is a life of faith, and "though the steps of faith seemingly fall on the void below, they nevertheless find the rock beneath." It's life on a firm and reliable foundation, following a safe direction, invested in a productive cause, in the service of the eternal God. You may not have as good a time in the fashion of the world, but believe me you'll have a "good" time—good, in that your life will be sanctified and lived in the presence of the Christ of God who said to you: "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." What a promise—and what a reality to the Christian man!

The third? This—life in eternity. You may try to dismiss it, but your dismissal will not dismiss the non-dismissible. For, you see, to escape from the eternal, to flee from the reality of the truth, to adopt the ostrich tactic of a head in the sand, is to do violence not only to truth, but to self. The soul is created to live eternally. None can sidestep or avoid that truth. The question, therefore, is, what about you? What about your life? Are you alive? And if so, what for? There are many who walk about this earth who are truly not alive at all—alive to the flesh, but dead to the spirit. It is to such that our Lord Jesus Christ would say: "Arise, begin to live—begin to live in me, and you will live eternally."

He alone can say it. And He does. He says it to you. "Come unto me and your soul shall live." Just as surely as Christ raised the widow's son to life, so He is ready and willing to raise to spiritual life the souls of men. The life He gives is life here and hereafter. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. C

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP —NOT RELIGION

There is almost complete freedom of worship in the Soviet Union, but freedom of religion does not exist there. This is the view expressed by Dr. Herman F. Reissig of New York, a Congregational church leader. He recently spent ten days in Russia in company with 25 other lay and clergy representatives of his Church. Not only in Russia, but in almost every country of Western Europe, Dr. Reissig said, the influence of Christianity "has reached the vanishing point."

Dr. Reissig attributed the situation to the fact that "religion does not come to grips with the basic social and political problems of the people." One reason for the Church's failure to reach the masses, he said, is that "thinking people, at least, want a religion or philosophy that expresses life, that gets beneath the surface, and most preaching and teaching is simply too superficial."

LWF PLANS RELIEF IN SATELLITE COUNTRIES

Members of the Commission on World Service of the Lutheran World Federation voted in London to expand its work in the Communist satellite countries of eastern Europe. The action followed reports that increased shipments of relief goods will be permitted—at least for a time.

In view of the urgency of needs in the area and the fact that there is no guarantee how long the eased regulations will continue, the commission authorized boosting the World Service department's budget for work in Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia from $15,000 to $40,000 for the remaining nine months of the fiscal year.

Commission officials said the action would call for the opening of a new office in western Europe to purchase such needed materials as medicine, food, and literature and to send these articles in small parcels to the East Europeans asking for them.

LUTHERANS LOOK FOR MERGER IN AFRICA

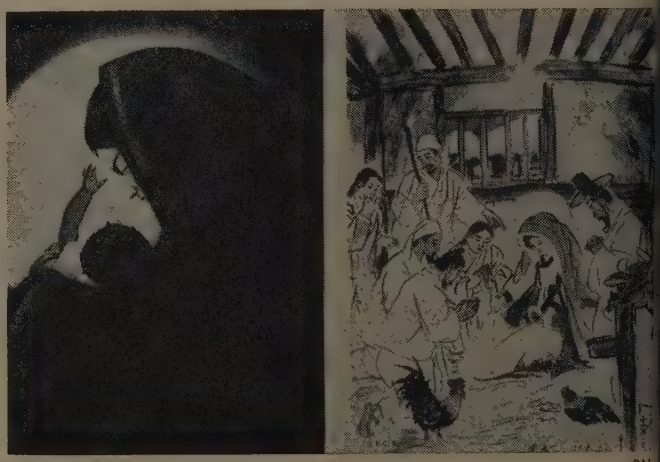
Formation of a United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa is expected through merger of a number of Lutheran missions and activities. Delegates to the recent meeting of the Commission on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation at Hurdals Verk, Norway, were told that Churches in South Africa have agreed upon a constitution for a new union Church which will have a membership of about 500,000 persons. These Churches are chiefly outgrowths of German, Swedish, and Norwegian Lutheran mission activities.

The delegates were also told that a post-ordination course in theology will be organized soon, probably in Tanganyika, for the benefit of Lutheran clergymen and missionaries serving the whole of East and South Africa.

A proposal by the National Lutheran Council (U. S.) that the LWF Department of World Missions be thorized to take over administr responsibility for the former Ge mission fields in Tanganyika wa buffed when the conference vot table the matter, leaving its fina cision until next year's meeting.

DEKT CONGRESS DEMANDS REUNIFICATION

More than half a million perso the closing rally of the 1956 Ge Evangelical Church Day (DE Congress applauded demands for man reunification. Included in throng were 25,000 East German Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff, f er and president of DEKT, sai movement is a prime examp "genuine all-German and ecum community." He said that pane cussions held during the confe had proved "how much German fer under the country's division



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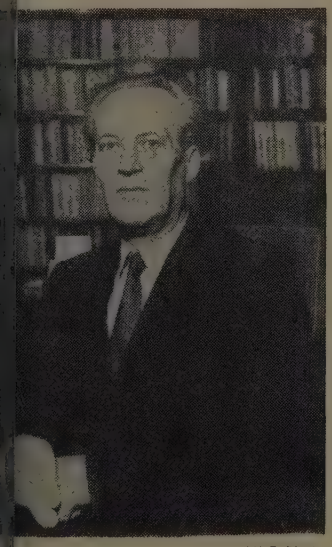
CHRISTMAS CARDS by foreign artists are being used by the National Cou Churches to promote Christian fellowship around the world. The World Christi program is a project of the Council's Committee on World Literacy and Christian ature. Two of the cards are shown here. Left is a reproduction of the "Blue Mad a painting by Frank Wesley, a Christian artist of India. Right is a nativity sc Ki-Chang Kim, another Christian artist of Korea. His painting shows the wise me the shepherds as Korean scholars and farmers, kneeling in worship.

von Thadden-Trieglaff warned much reliance should not be upon DEKT's ability to "mas- political difficulties others have failed to overcome." He em- d, however, that "what we can witness for God, in whose hands past, the present, and the fu-

ite the fact that major empha- ing the five-day congress was estions related to German re- ion, the official DEKT declar- tressed that "the misfortune of ny's division must not blind us r people's distress."

ANS BLAMED FOR SBEHAVIOR

ns themselves must assume a f the blame for bad behavior en criminal conduct by Ameri- rvicemen in Germany, accord- the official organ of the Roman ic Diocese of Fulda. Noting that s of assaults, robberies, rapes, ven murders by members of



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P ORDASS—This photo of Bishop Ordass of Hungary was taken in his partment in Budapest shortly after been announced that the Hungarian ment had agreed to retry his case, ery prospect of a favorable result. ories in issues of August 28 and Sep- 4.)

U. S. troops have aroused widespread resentment, the paper said these acts of violence are caused as much by conditions for which Germans are to blame as they are by poor discipline of the Americans.

"While it is highly regrettable that U. S. unit commanders so far have failed to take drastic measures to prevent such crimes by raising discipline among their soldiers," it said, "even such measures do not reach to the roots of the evil." The paper pointed out that, although the Army has set up ample recreational facilities, clubs, and movie houses, the young soldiers look at these things as mere continuations of barracks life—with its artificial isolation—and as activities intended to prevent or divert their desire to see and become acquainted with a foreign country and its people.

"But what awaits them outside the barracks and the Army recreational areas?" it asked. "Since 1945 we have let loose upon them the scum of our land. Streets fronting barracks and railroad stations—as well as bars, hotels, inns, and low-class rooming houses—teem with legions of prostitutes, procurers, and others who lure young, inexperienced men into the claws of a criminal entertainment industry which fattens on the passions of its victims.

"It should be the concern of the whole German people in these areas that the terrifying conditions be abolished lest they be responsible, through a false concept of freedom that grants the bad and wicked the same rights as the good and noble, for a crime against the future of the nations from which we will suffer for decades."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The first monastery to be built in France since the 18th century has just been completed by the Franciscan order at Orsay, near Paris. The monastery will house about 120 seminarians. . . . A proposed "freedom of choice" amendment to Alabama's constitution was attacked by a Birmingham Baptist editor and the Mobile Ministerial Association, as a threat to the separation of Church and State. The amendment would give Alabama parents the choice of sending their children to all-white, all-Negro, or integrated schools. It would also permit the legislature to expend state funds for the creation of private schools. The editor said, "It's going to leave it wide open for sectarian schools to get state money and state property to conduct their schools." . . . The Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association has launched a state-wide campaign to rid drugstore racks of indecent literature. It is aimed primarily at comic books and other children's reading material.

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LABOR DAY STAMP—An open Bible is pictured in this special commemorative stamp honoring American labor, which was issued on Labor Day, September 3, at Camden, N. J. Design for the stamp was taken from a mural in the new AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington, D.C. The giant mosaic mural, 51 feet high and 17 feet wide, depicts a worker with his pick, hammer, and hoe over his shoulder, with an arm about his wife. She is seated and is reading to their young son from what the artist describes as "The Book of Life." The mural was designed by Artist Lumen M. Winter. The three cent postage stamp carries the slogan, "Labor Is Life," by Thomas Carlyle, as does the mural.

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Mr. and Mrs. Olai Steen

CHURCH PIONEERS CREATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Olai Steen of Clinton, Minn., have created four scholarship funds for the benefit of young people in the Church and several of its colleges.

Trust funds have been established as follows: $2,000 to Luther College, Decorah, Iowa; $2,000 to St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.; $2,000 to Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul; and $1,000 to LEAF (Lutheran Educational Aid Fund), Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Steen have been lifelong members of the Lutheran Church, he being born and baptized in 1873 in Wisconsin, she, in 1877 in Minnesota.

Mr. Steen has been a farmer for most of his life. The Steens have lived in Clinton since 1920 where they have been active in church and community affairs. Mr. Steen has been vice-president of the Clinton State Bank and a member of the Clinton Public School Board. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church and was a member of the building committee which recently saw the completion of new Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Steens have five children: Dr. Sigvart Steen, a graduate of Luther College who also has a bachelor of music degree from St. Olaf College. Dr. Steen is Professor of Music at Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y. Dr. Ernest B. Steen, a graduate of Luther College and Luther Theological Seminary, is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, Wis. Mrs. F. T. (Marie) Malmberg, a graduate of St. Olaf, is minister of music at First Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minn. Mr. Julian S. Steen, a graduate of St. Olaf, is a member of the faculty of music at Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Mont. Mrs. E. T. (Beatrice) Boe, a graduate of St. Olaf, is wife of the pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, Wis.

The income from the trust funds will be used annually for qualified students under the following stipulation of the Steens:

"Each of said scholarships so established shall be known as the 'Olai and Caroline Steen Scholarship' and shall be awarded annually to male or female students of freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate standing, who have demonstrated unusual scholastic aptitude, given promise of mature Christian conduct, and who have chosen a vocation leading to the extension of the Kingdom of God.

"It is our aim to serve these institutions and their students, and we desire this trust to be liberally construed to the end that our purposes may be fully accomplished."

LEAF scholarships will be given to students from the congregation who fulfill the requirements of the LEAF program and who enter one of the colleges of the ELC.

The Church is deeply grateful for the vision of Mr. and Mrs. Olai Steen. The establishment of these trust funds will make it possible for several students each year to further their education and advance the work of the Kingdom, which is close to the hearts of these splendid pioneers of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT AUGIE . . .

Palma Melbraaten has accep position as instructor in piano gustana College. A native of Wyo., Miss Melbraaten attend Olaf College and Eastern M College of Education before re her bachelor and master of mu grees at Eastman School of Rochester, N. Y.

Other changes on the music have been announced as follows *Verona Rogness* will be ret after a year's leave of absence fr college during which she stud Europe under the Natwick Me Scholarship; Miss *Ruth Schneid* take a year's leave of absence t tinue her musical training, an *Newton,* instructor in piano f past two years, has resigned *Helen Krag Murray,* who was placement for Miss Rogness las will continue her association w Augustana music department.

Miss *Harriet A. Hybertson* w the Augustana College departm elementary education. A gradu the two-year elementary course gustana, Miss Hybertson holds a degree from Colorado State of Education, where she is now ing toward a master of arts de education.

An Augustana College alumn return to the campus this fa member of the English depa *Arthur Huseboe,* a 1953 grad Augustana, will act as instru freshman English during the school term. Last spring he r his M.A. degree from the Un of South Dakota.

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GROUNDBREAKING

day afternoon, August 12, d was broken for the church of Bethany Lutheran Church e Deaf, Minneapolis, the Rev. r Olson, pastor. The site is at the of 33rd St. and 34th Ave. So., g ready access from both the Cities. Speaker at the ground- ng service was Dr. O. G. Mal- editor of **Lutheran Herald.** Greet- were given by Miss Alice Sanne e national Women's Missionary ation; Dr. Martin Anderson, con- t on finances and church build- Mrs. A. Morphew, Charities sec- for the Southern Minnesota Dis- WMF; Mrs. O. G. Malmin, on of the Board of Charities and oard of the Ephphatha Mission; he Rev. I. M. Thvedt, pastor of hatha Church, Faribault. Each of and the local pastor, turned a l of earth, as did a member of congregation's building commit- nd a member of the finance com- e. A greeting was also given by Wesley Lauritsen, Faribault, a er at the state school for the deaf. ny Church now has more than ty members.

CIRCUIT-SPONSORED MISSIONARY

e Decorah Circuit Women's Mis- ry Federation voted last spring at convention to support a mission- nd his wife on a foreign field. Donald Martenson, who has been d a call to serve as a builder and ness man in Madagascar, and his were chosen by the executive d at a meeting held in Decorah. Martenson has been a contractor ling churches and parsonages be- erected along the West Coast by Board of Home Missions. At the nt time the Martensons are study- the French language in Paris and be leaving for Madagascar early fall. They have two children.

LUTHERAN DEACONESS HOSPITAL EXPANSION

he Lutheran Deaconess Hospital Home of Chicago, which is owned The Evangelical Lutheran Church, embark immediately on a program xpansion as the result of an his- al decision by the Board of Direc- August 16. Plans were made to build a new hospital and nurses' home in Maine Township in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, construction to begin sometime in 1957.

The hospital board had already acquired 24 acres of land in a choice location not far from the new Messiah Lutheran Church in Park Ridge Manor. When the administrators of the Hill-Burton government fund for hospitals recognized the great need for a hospital in this area and allotted a million and a third dollars to the new project, the Board made its decision to build. A $4½ million project is planned. It will consist of a modern 200-bed hospital and a nurses' home with facilities for 100 students.

Dr. Naurice Nessett announced that the Board will continue to operate the old hospital and home near downtown Chicago, making such changes as seem advisable when the new facilities are ready for use. The new hospital will be much more advantageously located to serve the bulk of Lutherans in the Chicago area. It is contemplated that financing of the new hospital will be through approximately 33 per cent government money, 25 per cent subscription in the community, and the remainder through resources and reserves of the present hospital.

The new hospital and health center will be modern in every respect, and will include psychiatric and other special health services which have been impossible in the old hospital. A complete health center is envisioned for the new location.

PERSONS

The Rev. Sev. Gjerde, Blue Earth, Minn., is serving as interim pastor of Bethany Church, Thompson, Iowa.

The Rev. A. I. Kvamme, formerly of Radcliffe, Iowa, was installed as pastor of Salem Church, Lake Mills, Iowa, Aug. 26. District President V. T. Jordahl performed the act of installation.

Miss Solveig Urberg, a 1956 graduate of Luther College, has begun her work as parish worker and secretary in Trinity Church, Skokie, Ill., the Rev. David Boxrud, pastor. Miss Urberg is the daughter of the Rev. K. M. Urberg, Blair, Wis.

The Rev. Odean Monson, pastor of the Petersburg Parish, Petersburg, N. Dak., recently received a new car and money for the purchase of a TV set from the congregations of the parish.

The Rev. R. K. Livdahl, formerly of Rothsay, Minn., began his ministry in the Cook-Orr parish, Northern Minnesota District, Sept. 1. He succeeds the **Rev. Joel A. Olberg,** now pastor at Fairfield, Calif. **The Rev. Arthur W. Sorenson,** Stephen, Minn., succeeds Pastor Livdahl at Rothsay.

The Rev. Wendell W. Frerichs, Stevens Point, Wis., has resigned his pastorate of Trinity Church, effective Oct. 1. He will study toward his doctorate at the University of Basel, Switzerland. While he served in Cleveland, Pastor Frerichs earned the Master of Sacred Theology degree at Oberlin University. His family will accompany him to Switzerland, sailing from New York Oct. 10.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Chicago. Baccalaureate services and graduation exercises were recently held at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, with a graduating class of 20. The chaplain of the hospital, the Rev. L. M. Osness, preached the Baccalaureate sermon, and the Rev. David Boxrud, pastor of Trinity Church, Skokie, Ill., was the Commencement speaker.

Northern Minnesota

Twin Valley, Minn. The three congregations of the Wild Rice parish, Wild Rice, Immanuel, and Aspelund, joined in a service August 5. After a noon meal served by the Ladies' Aids of the parish, a program was given in honor of the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Torgerson, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Gifts and a substantial sum of money were presented to the couple.

Perley, Minn. Kirkebo Church, the Rev. R. L. Larson, pastor, celebrated its 75th anniversary June 16-17. Three former pastors, Thomas Anderson, C. K. Randoy, and J. O. Ronsberg, spoke at the festival services. Mr. Duane Nelson, a member of the congregation studying at Luther Seminary, spoke to a youth gathering. On July 8, ground was broken for a new church to replace the building which was destroyed by fire Dec. 1, 1955.

Southern Minnesota

Chatfield, Minn. Root Prairie Congregation, the Rev. Gordon H. Carls, pastor, celebrated the centennial of its organization August 23-26. Speakers at the various services included: Dis-

trict President E. C. Reinertsen, Northfield; Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of **Lutheran Herald**, Minneapolis, and the Rev. William K. Benbow, Waukon, Iowa, a former pastor. At the Sunday evening service a new organ was dedicated. The concert was played by Mr. William F. Luecke, Rochester, Minn.

South Central

Fort Worth, Texas. On Sunday, Sept. 9, the first service of Faith Church, Ridglea, was held. Preceding the service, a service of dismissal and transfer of members was held in the mother church, Trinity, the Rev. Carl Groettum, pastor. Trinity Church, itself exactly 14 years old, has been helpful in beginning three Home Mission congregations. The latest, Faith, will worship in a theatre until a first unit can be erected. Pastor is the Rev. David Vaaler.

South Dakota

Mobridge, S. Dak. Trinity Church, the Rev. Gordon A. Selbo, pastor, is now broadcasting its morning worship each Sunday at 11:00 over station KOLY, Mobridge. The first broadcast was on August 19.

Pacific

Tacoma, Wash. St. Mark's Church, the Rev. J. L. Moilien, pastor, has refinanced its Church Extension loan in record time, the third fastest refinancing in the history of ELC Home Missions. Organized in August, 1954, the congregation was able to refinance before its second birthday.

Seattle, Wash. On August 19 ground was broken for the new $200,000 Christian Education-Youth building of Denny Park Church, the Rev. Norris Stoa, pastor. Recently a new office and radio broadcasting studio were completed on the west side of the church edifice.

Midway, Wash. With a baptized membership of 176, recently organized Grace Church assumed self-support on July 15. The Rev. M. D. Hinderlie was installed as pastor of the congregation by District President H. L. Foss August 12. A church edifice is under construction and will be ready for occupancy November 1. It is of contemporary design to blend with the woods and hills of the Midway area, overlooking Puget Sound. Average stewardship pledge is $4.84 weekly. Total initial budget of the congregation is $16,757.

California

North Sacramento, Calif. Bethel Church, the Rev. Theo. Gulhaugen, pastor, was the scene of the commissioning of the Rev. Paul Braafladt as an Air Force chaplain, June 10. District President Gaylerd Falde officiated. A former pastor of Bethel, the Rev. Kelmer Roe, Pacific Lutheran College, preached.

Canada

Lethbridge, Alta. The Rev. Sydney Nelson has acepted the call to serve at Lethbridge.

Armena, Alta. On August 5, District President Mars A. Dale dedicated the new Scandia church and installed the Rev. Roger Nostbakken as its pastor.

Torquay, Sask. Salem Congregation, the Rev. J. B. Stolee, pastor, celebrated its 50th anniversary Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

Prince George, B.C. The Rev. Osborne Olsen, formerly of Swift Current, has accepted a call to begin Home Mission work in Prince George.

MID-WINTER CONVOCATION

The annual Luther Theological Seminary Mid-Winter Convocation will be held from Tuesday through Friday, January 15-18, 1957. Guest lecturers will be Dr. Roland Bainton of Yale University, eminent Luther scholar; Dr. Theodore Tappert of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Department of Systematic Theology; and Dr. Richard A. Caemmerer, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, professor of Homiletics.

ZION SOCIETY FOR ISRAEL

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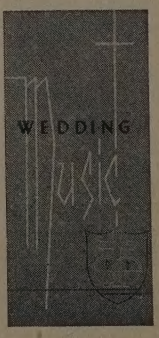

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